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TO: All Passenger Car Manufacturers
All Light-Duty Truck and Medium-Duty Vehicle Manufacturers
All Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CALIFORNIA EXHAUST,
EVAPORATIVE, AND ONBOARD REFUELING VAPOR
RECOVERY EMISSION STANDARDS AND TEST
PROCEDURES FOR PASSENGER CARS, LIGHT-DUTY TRUCKS
AND MEDIUM-DUTY VEHICLES**

In a Board hearing scheduled for November 1998, staff will propose substantial modifications to California's Low-Emission Vehicle regulations pursuant to the requirements of Measure M2 -- Improved Control Technologies for Light-Duty Vehicles -- of California's State Implementation Plan ("SIP"). The amendments to the LEV regulations will affect passenger cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty vehicles and will include the creation of a new light-duty truck category, lower tailpipe standards, lower fleet average requirements, a zero evaporative and refueling emission standard, modifications to the Supplemental Federal Test Procedure, modifications to the hybrid electric vehicle test procedures, smog index label modifications and an update on reactivity adjustment factors. Even though the Board hearing is not scheduled until November 1998, due to the nature and scope of the modifications being proposed staff is conducting a workshop to discuss the preliminary proposal.

Date: December 9, 1997
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Annex IV
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California

If necessary, the workshop may be continued on December 10, 1997.

An electronic version of this notice and draft Preliminary Staff Report will be available on ARB's web page at www.arb.ca.gov under the Mobile Source Programs heading. All documents relating to the LEV II November 1998 Board hearing will be contained under the heading entitled "LEV II."

The draft Preliminary Staff Report of the modifications being proposed by staff is also attached to this notice. Questions regarding the proposal should be directed to the following staff:

Proposed LEV II standards	Ms. Annette Guerrero, (626) 575-6717
Supplemental FTP standards	Ms. Kathleen Nolan, (626) 575-6621
Zero-evaporative emission standards	Ms. Kathleen Nolan, (626) 575-6621
Partial ZEV Credits	Mr. C.T. Muthukumar (626) 575-6776
Hybrid Test Procedures	Mr. Mike O'Connor (626) 350-6462
Smog Index Label	Ms. Sarah Carter (626) 575-6845
Reactivity Adjustment Factors	Ms. Sarah Carter (626) 575-6845

Sincerely,

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Attachment